

of taxpayer money than we have in the past. And finally getting LCS right would be a big, long overdue step in that direction.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### REMEMBERING ERNEST B. HILLENMEYER, JR.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to and lament the passing of a man of great faith from my home State, the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mr. Ernest B. Hillenmeyer, Jr., devoted his life to serving others. He passed away last Thursday at the age of 92.

Ernest, or "Ernie" as he was affectionately known by friends and family, was born on a farm in Lexington, KY, on February 26, 1922. Ernie's formative years occurred when our country was trapped in the depths of the Great Depression. It was during this time that he learned the value of a good education, of family and community, and of faith in God. Through good times and bad, Ernie carried these ideals with him for the rest of his life.

Ernie's daughter, Katy Hillenmeyer, has said that "we'd all have to live to be 200 to accomplish what he did in his 92 years." This is hardly an understatement. After graduating from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Ernie served his country for 10 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1985, he was ordained as a deacon and served his parish at St. Patrick Church in Maysville and St. James Church in Brooksville. Ernie was heavily involved in establishing the Meadowview Regional Hospital and the Hospice of Hope, both in Maysville, KY. He also chaired the Hayswood Foundation for 10 years, served as a director of the Maysville-Mason County Area Chamber of Commerce, and was the first lay chair of the board of trustees at Thomas Moore College. Those are only a few of Ernie's many accomplishments from a lifetime of service to others.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Mary Agnes Farrell Hillenmeyer, his sister, Mary Hillenmeyer Fiore, 6 children and 11 grandchildren. Said his cousin, Rob-

ert F. Houlihan, Jr., "He's loved and respected. And he was totally unafraid to die. You can't live a bad life and be unafraid of death." Although he may have been unafraid, Ernie will undoubtedly be missed by those who knew and loved him. I ask that my Senate colleagues join me in remembrance of the life of Ernest B. Hillenmeyer, Jr.

Mr. President, Ernie's obituary was recently published in the *Ledger Independent*. I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From The Ledger Independent, Apr. 3, 2014]

#### HILLENMEYER REMEMBERED FOR LIFE OF SERVICE

MAYSVILLE.—During his 92 years, Ernest B. Hillenmeyer Jr. lived by the motto his father instilled during his boyhood on their Lexington farm: "Be honest, and be of service to your community."

Hillenmeyer embodied that creed through the many decades and facets of his life, each guided by love of God, family and his community.

Hillenmeyer, former president of Parker Tobacco Company and a leader in the Catholic Church and civic affairs, died April 3, 2014, at the age of 92, at Maysville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following a long illness.

He raised seven children in Maysville, where he lived for the past 68 years, and is survived by his wife of more than 52 years, Mary Agnes Farrell Hillenmeyer.

The World War II veteran helped establish Meadowview Regional Medical Center in Maysville and Hospice of Hope, which provides end-of-life care and through which, as its first chaplain, he ministered to patients. In 1985, he was ordained a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church as part of the Diocese of Covington's first class of men to enter the permanent diaconate and served his parish at St. Patrick Church, Maysville, along with St. James Church in Brooksville, where he was pastoral associate from 1998 to 2002. Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, where Hillenmeyer was the first layman to chair the board of trustees, awarded him an honorary doctorate in May 2013 for his lifetime of leadership and volunteerism.

"Deacon Ernie Hillenmeyer was a gentleman and a man of integrity," said Sister Justina Franxman, OSB, his friend and spiritual director for a number of years. "He loved God, his family and the Church. He was committed to his ministry and saw Jesus in the people to whom he ministered. Ernie loved life to the full."

"Ernie" Hillenmeyer was born Feb. 26, 1922, in Lexington, to Earnest B. Hillenmeyer Sr. and Mathilde Scott Hillenmeyer and grew up on his father's farm. His passion for gardening and agriculture dates to his youth tending peach and potato crops with his dad, himself the son and grandson of nurserymen.

He attended St. Paul's School in Lexington and later graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis.

He graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., holding a commission from 1942 to 1952 as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, from which he was discharged as a lieutenant.

He spent three and a half years during World War II as a deck officer aboard liberty ships in the Merchant Marine, sailing with the North Atlantic and Pacific fleets.

During the war, he met fellow Kentuckian Ellen Cochrane Parker, a Maysville native whom he married in April 1945.

His father-in-law, S. Alex Parker Sr. hired Hillenmeyer into the family's tobacco business in 1946 and the couple settled in Maysville, where their four children, Zoe, Theresa, Ernie and Cece, were born.

Following his first wife's death in 1960, Hillenmeyer married Mary Agnes Farrell of Ludlow, to whom he was introduced by his childhood friend, the late Msgr. John F. Murphy.

Married in October 1961, the couple had three more children, Ellen, Katy and Paul.

He frequently traveled abroad for business and hosted international guests in the creek-side house he built in Huntington Park, one of two contiguous subdivisions he helped to develop in Aberdeen, Ohio.

Whether sailing houseboats, pitching horseshoes, playing bridge or crosswords, betting horses at Keeneland or cheering on the University of Kentucky Wildcats, Hillenmeyer enjoyed recreating with his family and friends, and delighted in competition.

In 1987, Hillenmeyer was a representative attending various Masses when Pope John Paul II visited and met with deacons for a conference, in Detroit, Mich.

In all his years teaching card games to his kids and grandkids, he never threw a hand. He took pride, too, in his vegetable and flower gardens, producing homegrown tomatoes and asparagus into his 90s.

Hillenmeyer began his long association with Thomas More College when in the mid-1950s he was invited to become a member of the Board of Lay Overseers, to which he was selected chairman in 1960. This Board recommended the college's move from downtown Covington to Crestview Hills and the construction there of a new campus.

Along with education, Hillenmeyer worked to advance ecumenism, health care and economic and human development.

As a member of the Limestone Ministerial Association, he led ministers and others to locally observe an annual week of prayer for Christian unity, now in its 42nd year.

He chaired a fund-raising drive to build a new hospital to replace Maysville's outdated Hayswood Hospital. For 10 years, he chaired the Hayswood Foundation, launching its grant program which donated funds to support St. Patrick School, the YMCA, The Boys and Girls Club and other projects in surrounding communities.

A founding member of the Council for Burley Tobacco, Hillenmeyer testified before Congress on behalf of tobacco trade associations, and formerly presided over the Burley Tobacco Dealers Association.

He served two terms as council member and vice mayor of Aberdeen; was local district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America; president of the Maysville Country Club; served as a director of the local Chamber of Commerce; formerly presided over Appalachian Industries in Vanceburg, promoting employment and housing; and was a lifetime member of the UK Alumni Association.

During retirement, he and his wife, Mary, routinely attended daily Mass, and prayer and scriptural reflection, and continued to nurture their deep bonds of affection and eagerness to share their faith with others.

"Ernie is a pillar—gentle and firm at the same time," cousin Robert F. Houlihan Jr., of Lexington said. "He's loved and respected. And he was totally unafraid to die. You can't live a bad life and be unafraid of death."

He is survived by his wife, Mary Farrell Hillenmeyer; youngest sister, Mary Hillenmeyer Fiore of Kansas City Missouri; six children, 11 grandchildren, beloved in-laws and many other relatives who were dear to him.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Monday, April 7, at St. Patrick Church, in Maysville.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m., April 6, with Vigil Prayers at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Following the committal rite at St. Patrick Cemetery, friends and family are invited to gather for food and fellowship at the Limestone Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the John J. Brannen Foundation, in care of St. Patrick School, 318 Limestone Street, Maysville, Ky. 41056, or St. Patrick Church, 111 East Third Street, Maysville, Ky. 41056.

Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, is serving the family.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER KATHY FELGER

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Commander Kathy Felger, a congressional affairs fellow for the U.S. Coast Guard on the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and other Members of the Committee over the past 2 years.

A native Hoosier, Commander Felger graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1997. Since that time she has held various positions in the Coast Guard, most of them at sea as a ship driver. She will next serve as commanding officer of *Thetis*, a Famous class cutter, based out of Key West, FL with the primary missions of law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, and national defense.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Commander Felger for all of the fine work she has done and for her continued service to our Nation. I wish her continued success in the years to come.

#### MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 10th anniversary of the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus, OH. Named after the Dominican Saint Martin de Porres, and sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the center was founded in 2004 as a place for spirituality, education, arts, and ministry outreach to the people of central Ohio.

Over the last decade, the center has become a pillar of the central Ohio community, bringing people together and helping them reach their full potential. For example, through the Dominican Learning Center, members of the community are able to participate in the adult literacy program, which provides free one-on-one tutoring. The center also serves the Columbus region by connecting youth to its older population through discussions and study groups.

I have visited the Martin de Porres Center and have seen firsthand the excellent work of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The positive contributions made by the center are countless. Its outreach and dedication to the region in spiritual, mental, and artistic growth have been commendable. I

thank everyone involved in making the center's first 10 years a success and wish them the best of luck in the coming decades.

#### COMMENDING OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor 393 high school seniors in eight northeast Ohio counties for their commendable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces. Of these 393 seniors from 129 high schools in 106 towns and cities, 91 will enter the Army, 104 will enter the Marine Corps, 47 will enter the Navy, 32 will enter the Air Force, 5 will enter the Coast Guard, 100 will enter our Ohio Army National Guard, and 14 will enter into the Ohio Air National Guard. In the presence of their parents/guardians, and high school counselors, military leaders, city and business leaders, all 393 will be recognized on May 7, 2014 by "Our Community Salutes of Northeast Ohio."

In a few short weeks, these young men and women will join their classmates in celebration of their high school graduation. At a time when many of their peers are looking forward to pursuing vocational training or college degrees, or are uncertain about their future, these young men and women instead have chosen to dedicate themselves to military service in defense of our rights, our freedoms and our country. They should know that they have full support of this Senate Chamber, and of the American people, who are with them in whatever challenges may lie ahead.

These 393 young men and women are the cornerstone of our liberty. It is thanks to their dedication and the dedication of an untold number of patriots just like them that we are able to meet here today, in the U.S. Senate, and openly debate the best solutions to the many diverse problems that confront our country. It is thanks to their sacrifices that the United States of America remains a beacon of hope and freedom in a dangerous world. We are grateful to them, and we are grateful to their parents and their communities for instilling in them not only the mental and physical abilities our Armed Forces require, but more importantly the character, the values and the discipline that leads someone to put service to our Nation over self.

I would like to personally thank these 393 graduating seniors for their selflessness and the courage that they have shown by volunteering to risk their lives in defense of our Nation. We owe them, along with all those who serve our country, a deep debt of gratitude.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the names of the 393 high school seniors.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### UNITED STATES ARMY—91

Anderson—Cuyahoga Falls; Adang—Conneaut; Adkins—Parma; Ashworth—Akron; Baucio—Brunswick; Boyer—Akron; Brewton—Akron; Buchler—Mayfield Heights; Burhoe—Fairlawn; Canfield—Deerfield; Chessar—Mayfield Heights; Clark—Wickliffe; Clay—North Royalton; Cordova—Lorain; Curnutte—Norton; Dangler—North Olmsted; Detzel—Seven Hills; Elkins—Mogadore; Faught—Brunswick; Finn—Akron; Fischbach—Geneva; Ford—Akron; Fuller—Parma Heights; Gadson—Akron; Genovese—Tallmadge; Gertz—Solon; Gilbert—Twinsburg; Glas—Norton; Gonda—North Olmsted; Good—Cuyahoga Falls; Griggs—Oneal—Akron; Gromek—Mentor; Hammond—Brooklyn; Hardy—Parma Heights; Hemerlein—Solon; Herman—Rootstown; Holland—Bell—Akron; Hurd—Lakewood; Johns—Cuyahoga Falls; Johnson—Eastlake; Kearney—Garrettsville; Keathley—Lorain; Keathley—Lorain; Kenney—Euclid; Kuhn—Madison; Loomis—Copley; Lucas—Cleveland; Maldonado—Lorain; Martin—North Olmsted; Mehl—Aurora; Mendez—Cleveland; Messner—Cuyahoga Falls; Milczewski—Brooklyn; Minor—Wadsworth; Moran—Litchfield; Morris—Grafton; Nelson—Wadsworth.

Neuman—Independence; Nobles—Akron; Nordstrom—Maple Heights; Norman—Akron; Ornelas—Ramirez—Lorain; Packard—Cleveland; Payne—Elyria; Perry—Geneva; Post—Ravenna; Prigmore—Akron; Rees—Brunswick; Rippe—Grafton; Rodriguez—Cleveland; Rush—Willoughby; Rutherford—Medina; Sanchez Gonzalez—Cleveland; Sapper—Cuyahoga Falls; Skudrin—Cleveland; Smith—Mogadore; St. John—Hudson; Strand—Willoughby; Strzala—Middleburg Heights; Sutter—Berea; Sweitzer—Stow; Swisher—Mogadore; Taylor—Cleveland; Thomas—Akron; Tschannen—Wadsworth; Venable—Geneva; Warren—Cuyahoga Falls; Williams—Beachwood; Wilson—Akron; Wray—Akron; Wright—Lakewood.

#### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS—104

Adigwe—Cleveland; Adkins—Cleveland; Alberson—Akron; Arnold—Berea; Arrington—Canton; Balcomb, Jr.—Ashtabula; Binkley—Canton; Blackman—Cleveland; Blazick—Cuyahoga Falls; Blunk—Berea; Brunner—North Olmsted; Cale—Madison; Caraballo—Lakewood; Carlisle—Cleveland Heights; Carlton—Ashtabula; Carpenter—Barberton; Chandler—Maple Heights; Chasar—Akron; Ciptak—Akron; Colon—Painesville; Corral—Cleveland; Csonka—Hartsville; Davis—Massillon; De Hoff—Mantua; Dibble—Akron; Downing—Brook Park; Finlaw—Akron; Fitzgerald—Massillon; Garber—Akron; Gayheart—Ashtabula; Gilbert—Ravenna; Givens—Hartsville; Gooch—Cleveland; Gordon—Lakewood; Green—Silver Lake; Greig—Mentor; Hanzak—Madison; Harkenrider—Cleveland; Helsel—Cleveland; Hershberger—Massillon; House—North Olmsted; Imburgia—North Royalton; James—Barberton; Johnson—Canton; Juratovac—Madison.

Knoch—Hawkins—Fairlawn; Koons—Willoughby; Kovats—Rome; Lacy—Copley; Lawson—Lyndhurst; Lemmon—Barberton; Lytle—Mogadore; MacMillan—Bay Village; McGrath—Madison; Meadows—Akron; Metz—Columbia Station; Miker—Parma; Miller, C—Massillon; Miller, R—Massillon; Milton—Westlake; Montecalvo—Akron; Morek—Euclid; Nagle—Columbia Station; Natko—Akron; Nelson—Copley; Novel—Westlake; Osborne—North Royalton; Pare—North Royalton; Patel—Strongsville; Person—Painesville; Price—Shaker Heights; Radisek—Bay Village; Reed—Akron; Rhinehardt—Twinsburg; Richmond—Massillon.